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SUBJ: HERSHEY COCOA REPORT: NIGERIA AND GHANA

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING FROM JORDAN TO R.L. UHRICH, HERSHEY  
FOODS CORP. HERSHEY, PA. PHONE 717-534-4200.

2. QUOTE: RETURNED FROM NIGERIA OCTOBER 25. BEFORE GOING  
THERE HAD RECEIVED REPORTS OF HEAVY RAIN IN COCOA AREAS,  
BUT MOST OF THE RAINFALL HAS BEEN IN COASTAL AREAS. IN THE  
COCOA BELT THERE WERE HEAVY SHOWERS BUT ALSO LONG PERIODS  
OF SUNSHINE, WHICH IS GOOD FOR CROP DEVELOPMENT OF COCOA  
FROM FEBRUARY ONWARDS. MOST OF THE DEFOLIATED TREES HAVE  
FLUSHED AND LOOK IN EXCELLENT CONDITION BELYING THE FACT  
THAT THE NIGERIAN CROP IS SO POOR. MY MAIN CONCERN IS THE  
LABOR SHORTAGE IN THE NIGERIAN COCOA AREAS AND BELIEVE THE  
MIGRATION OF LABOR TO THE MANY MASSIVE CAPITAL BUILDING  
PROJECTS COULD HAVE A MORE SERIOUS EFFECT ON COCOA  
HARVESTING THAN WE BELIEVE AT PRESENT. NPMC CLAIM TO  
HAVE SHIPPED ALL AUGUST OCTOBER CONTRACTS AND THAT THEY  
WILL FINISH SEPTEMBER NOVEMBER CONTRACTS THIS MONTH. I  
QUESTION THIS BECAUSE THERE WERE 58 SHIPS OUTSIDE APAPA  
ON TUESDAY LAST. ANY INFORMATION FROM THE RECEIVING END  
ONFSHIPPING APPRECIATED.

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3. IN GHANA LAST TUESDAY (OCT 19) FIRE AT THE COCOA BAG  
FACTORY CAUSED DAMAGE WHICH WAS AT FIRST ESTIMATED WOULD  
TAKE NINE MONTHS TO REPAIR. NOW IT IS SAID THE REPAIRS  
WILL TAKE TWO WEEKS ALTHOUGH AN OFFICIAL AT THE SAME TIME  
SAID THE DAMAGE IS CERTAINLY CONSIDERABLE BUT NOT VERY  
ALARMING. WE CAN PROBABLY ANTICIPATE AN EMPTY BAG SHORTAGE  
IN THE FIELD LATER IN THE SEASON. UNQUOTE.

INTERESTED PARTY. DECON UPON RECEIPT.  
GRANER

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED HERSHEY, PA.

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